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Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health,

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1.—STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres: 6,265·17 Population–Census, 1931: 20,536

Registrar-General's estimate of—

Resident population, mid-1943, 17,890

Number of inhabited houses (*a*) Census 1931: 4,233 (*b*) End of 1943 according to Rate Books: ——

Rateable value: £72,561 Sum represented by a penny rate: £302

Social conditions, including the chief industries carried on in the area: Chiefly a mining district and agricultural, One large firm engaged in work for the War Office, and a weaving shed.

Extent of unemployment: Negligible.

VITAL STATISTICS.

NUMBER OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED. CIVILIANS ONLY.

Typhoid Fever	—
Paratyphoid fever	—
Scarlet fever	23
Whooping cough	36
Diphtheria	22
Erysipelas	11
Smallpox	—
Measles...	315
Pneumonia	47
Puerperal pyrexia	4

		Male.	Female.	
Live Births ..	Total ...	176	166	Birth Rate per 1000 : 19·1 est. pop. mid-1943
	Legitimate ...	168	159	
	Illegitimate ...	8	7	
Still Births ...	Total ...	6	6	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births : 35·0
	Legitimate ...	4	4	
	Illegitimate ...	2	2	
Deaths of infants under 1 year—				
	Total ...	18	8	
	Legitimate ...	17	8	
	Illegitimate ...	1	–	

Deaths from Puerperal causes—

	Deaths.	Death Rate per 1,000 Total (live and still) Births.
Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	-	–
Other maternal causes ...	1	2·8
Total	1	–

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births : 76·0

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births : 76·4

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births : 66·6

Deaths from Cancer (all ages): 21

" " Measles (all ages): Nil

" " Whooping Cough (all ages): Nil

" " Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age): 2

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment: None

Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area during the year: No

Any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health: No

Any *evidence*, statistical or otherwise, that unemployment has exercised any significant influence on the health or physique of children or adults: No

TABLE. 33. 03. S.D. 30.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD U.D. 1943.

Causes of Death.	M.	F.
All Causes	129	99
Cerebro-spinal fever	1	–
Diphtheria	1	2
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	4	6
Other tuberculous diseases	1	1
Influenza	5	5
Ac. Inf. Encephalitis	1	–
Cancer	13	8
Diabetes	–	2
Cerebral hæmorrhage, &c.	11	7
Heart disease	18	16
Arterio Sclerosis	1	1
Bronchitis	15	10
Pneumonia (all forms)	8	4
Other respiratory diseases	2	1

TABLE—*Continued.*

Causes of Death.	M.	F.
Peptic ulcer	2	1
Infant Diarrhœa	1	1
Appendicitis	–	1
Other digestive diseases	2	4
Acute and chronic nephritis	1	2
Maternal causes	–	1
Premature birth	6	4
Congenital debility, malformations, etc.	7	1
Suicide	–	1
Road Traffic Accidents	6	–
Other violent causes	6	3
All other causes	17	17
Population		17,890
General Death-Rate		12·7 per 1,000 population

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2.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health : Henry Winstanley.

Special diplomas or certificates of qualification : None.

Is he a whole or part-time Officer of the Local Authority ? Part-time. Any other public appointments held by him ? Yes. Medical Superintendent of Infectious Diseases Hospital and M.O., M. & C. W. Clinics.

Is he in private practice ? No.

Sanitary Inspector(s) :

Name.	Special diplomas or certificates of qualification	Whole or part-time as S. I.	Other appointments with L.A. (if any)
Thomas Whitter (Senior)	R.S.I Certificate " " Meat and Foods Diploma Institute of Hygiene	Whole	Cleansing Supt.
Frank Burrows	R.S.I. Certificate " " Meat and Foods City and Guilds London—Plumbing	Whole	——

Other Public Health Officers:—

Designation	No.	Whole or part-time	Special diplomas or certificates of qualification
Assistant Medical Officer of Health	No		
Dental Surgeon	1	Part	L.D.S. London
Food Inspector	2	Part	Sanitary Inspectors, as above
Health Visitors and/or School Nurses	1	Whole	Trained Nurse with H.V. Certificates
Special Nurses	Nil		

Laboratory facilities:—

Describe briefly any developments or changes in laboratory facilities, indicating those made owing to the war (excluding A.R.P.): Arrangement with Wigan Infirmary for all pathological and bacteriological examinations.

Ambulance facilities:—

Comment briefly on adequacy of ambulance service or services in the area, and on the arrangements made for their co-ordination, indicating any changes or developments made owing to the war (excluding A.R.P.): Ambulance facilities adequate—no change

Nursing in the Home:—

Describe briefly any developments or changes in the services provided, indicating those made owing to the war (excluding A.R.P.): None.

Treatment Centres and Clinics (including Clinics solely for diagnosis and consultation):	Address of Centre	Day and time open
	None	
Maternity and Child Welfare Centre (Consultation and Treatment).	Baths Hall, Morden Avenue Church Hall, Garswood	Weekly: Thurs., 2 to 4 p.m. Fortnightly—Weds., 10-30 to 12-0
Ante-natal Clinic	Baths Hall, Morden Avenue	Mondays, 2 to 4 p.m.
Day Nursery (War)	Queens Road	
School Clinic	Under the County Education Committee	
Orthopædic Clinic	None	
Artificial Light Clinic	None	

Hospitals *in the district*—

Give particulars only of any changes or developments during the year, indicating those made owing to the war (excluding A.R.P.), as regards: (*a*) Public hospitals: No change (*b*) Voluntary hospitals: No change

Is there any institutional provision in your area for:—

Unmarried mothers: No Illegitimate infants: No Homeless children: No

Registration of Nursing Homes:

State fully the arrangements made for the discovery of unregistered Homes: Nil

Action taken during the year in regard to unsatisfactory homes: Nil

Give particulars of any difficulties which have arisen: Nil

3.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply—	
Give particulars of any *new* sources of public supply	Nil
Is supply of district satisfactory?	(*a*) in quality: Yes (*b*) in quantity: Yes
Action taken in respect of any form of contamination	Nil
If piped supply, has the water been examined during the year?	Bacteriological examinations.—No.: Nil Results: —— Chemical analyses.—No.: Nil Results: - —
Nature of extensions (if any) during the year	Nil

Drainage and Sewerage—	
Give particulars of:	
(*a*) Any important extension of sewerage	None
(*b*) Progress made in improving character and sufficiency of arrangements for drainage, sewerage and sewage disposal in all parts of the area.	None
Rivers and Streams—	
Action taken to check the pollution of rivers and streams.	Nil
Sources and nature of pollution.	Slack washings

Closet Accommodation at end of 1943 :—

Privy Middens :—No. of Middens : Nil.	No. of Closets attached to these Middens : Nil.
No. of Pail Closets : 2800	No. of Dry Ashpits (*excluding Middens*) : 2263
No. of houses on Water Carriage system : 2352	No. of Movable Ashbins : 2750
No. of Fresh Water Closets : 2334	No of Waste Water Closets : 18

Conversions during 1943 :—

No. of Pail Closets	To Fresh W.C.'s ..	Nil
	To Waste W.C.'s ...	Nil
	To Pails, etc. ..	Nil
No. of Pail Closets	To Fresh W.C.'s ...	18
	To Waste W.C.'s ..	Nil
No. of Waste W.C.'s to Fresh W.C.'s .		Nil
No. of Houses at which Movable Ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles		17

Public Cleansing :—

Give particulars of any extension or improvement during the year in the arrangements for public cleansing (refuse collection and disposal, cesspool cleansing, etc.) : Nil

Sanitary Inspections during 1943—		
No. of premises visited.	716	
Defects or nuisances.	No. discovered : 1267	No. abated : 1216
No. of Notices served.	Informal : 472	Statutory : 34
Legal proceedings.	No. : Nil	Result : ——

Shops and Offices—	
Particulars of any action taken under provisions of:	
(*a*) Shops Act, 1934, relating to Ventilation and Temperature of shops and to Sanitary Conveniences	Inspections are made and instructions and advice given where necessary No definite temperature fixed. Separate conveniences for sexes insisted upon.
(*b*) Public Health Act, 1936, relating to conditions in offices, *i.e.* ventilation, sanitary conveniences, etc.	Nil
Camping Sites (other than Military)	
(*a*) No. of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during 1943	Nil
(*b*) No. of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by local authority under section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936	Nil
(*c*) Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season, 1943	Nil

Smoke Abatement –

Any action taken with regard to smoke abatement: Works chimneys kept under observation

Particulars of any co-operative action with industry: Nil

Swimmng Baths and Pools—

Brief particulars of any:	
(a) Public Swimming Baths or Pools	Nil Plans made for the erection of Public Baths
(b) Privately-owned Swimming Baths or Pools open to public	Nil
(c) Action taken to ensure the satisfactory condition of the water	Nil

Eradication of bed bugs:—

Give particulars of any action taken during 1942, and also of the methods employed for the eradication of bed bugs: 4 houses dealt with during the year by spraying and fumigation.

Schools—		
(a) Sanitary conditions	These are inspected by County Education Authority	
(b) Water supply	Public supply	Is it satisfactory? Yes
Offensive Trades	No. of premises: Nil	Type of offensive trades: ——

Factories Act, 1937—

Observations on the administration of the Act	Satisfactory
Common Lodging-houses	Number on register: Nil What is their condition? —
Houses let in Lodgings	No. on register: Nil What is their condition? —
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	Action taken: Nil Action required: —
Underground Sleeping Rooms	Any need for Regulations? No
Canal Boats	Number Inspected: Nil No. of Infringements of Acts: —
Rag Flock Acts, 1911 and 1928	No. of premises in district on which rag flock is manufactured, used or sold: Nil No. of inspections: —— No. of samples taken: —— Results: ——
Notable Sanitary Improvements during 1943.	None

4.—HOUSING.

A. Statistics.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(*a*) Total [including numbers given separately under (*b*)]	Nil
i By the local authority	Nil
ii By other local authorities	Nil
iii By other bodies or persons	Nil
(*b*) With State assistance under the Housing Acts—	
i By the local authority [included under (*a*) (i) above]	Nil
ii By other bodies [included under (*a*) (iii) above]	Nil

1. *Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :—*

(1) (*a*) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	573
(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	1050
(2) (*a*) No. of dwelling-houses [included under sub-head (1) above] which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	40
(*b*) Number of inspections made for the purpose	40
(3) No. of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation...	Nil
(4) No. of dwelling-houses [exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head] found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	273

2. *Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notices:—*

No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers 233

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—*

(*a*) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ... Nil

(2) No. of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—

(*a*) By owners ... ... Nil

(*b*) By local authority in default of owners ... ... Nil

(*b*) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.. 31

(2) No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—

(*a*) By owners 31

(*b*) By local authority in default of owners ... ... Nil

(*c*) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ... Nil

(2) No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ... Nil

(*d*) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1) Number of separate tenements or unhealthy rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... Nil

(2) Number of separate tenements or unhealthy rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ... Nil

4. *Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV. Overcrowding.*

(*a*) (i) Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year 154
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein 260
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 1563

(*b*) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year... ... ... Nil

(*c*) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ... ... Nil
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... ... Nil

(*b*) Housing Conditions.

1. *General Observations as to housing conditions*, including the standard of houses, the prevalent types, age and approximate numbers and general soundness of the several types—any information as to prevailing forms of defects and of prevailing bad conditions resulting from overcrowding: Generally satisfactory. Defects are those prevailing in a coal mining district. Overcrowding dealt with by rearrangement as far as possible.

Approximate number of back-to-back houses in the district: 4.

2. *Sufficiency of supply of houses.*

(*a*) Extent of shortage (if any): Over 1,600

(*b*) Particulars of any housing scheme in hand or contemplated: In contemplation after the war the building of 175 houses, and sites are being acquired in the first year

(*c*) Information as to any important changes in population during the period under review or anticipated in the future: Nil

(*d*) Any special difficulties in the way of providing suitable sites for new houses: No

3. *Overcrowding.*

(*a*) Number of cases of overcrowding in houses owned by the local authority which have been relieved during 1943: Nil

(*b*) Number of cases of overcrowding which have been relieved in the course of slum clearance operations: Nil

(*c*) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding: Nil

(*d*) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding, *e.g.*, causes—how far it is due to inability to pay the rents of available houses, etc.: Nil

4. *Fitness of houses.*

(*a*) Difficulties found in action under the Public Health Acts or under the Housing Acts: Nil

(*b*) Number of houses which have not an adequate internal water supply: Nil

(*c*) Number of houses which have not adequate sanitary accommodation: Nil

5. [illegible]

Clearance Areas: No. of areas represented: —— ; comprising —— houses

No. of areas cleared: —— ; comprising —— houses

No. of new houses built to rehouse displaced tenants: ——

Improvement Areas: No. of areas represented: —— ; comprising: —— houses

No. of houses demolished: —— ; No. of tenants displaced: ——

No. of new houses built to rehouse displaced tenants: ——

5.—INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(1) Milk Supply.—Action taken with regard to—

The administration of The Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, The Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, and The Milk and Dairies Order, 1926: Inspections have been made by the M.O.H and the Senior Sanitary Inspector. Samples have been taken by the Inspector and sent to the Pathological Department, Wigan.

The Milk (Special Designations) Orders, 1936 and 1938—

No. of Dealers' licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the local authority during 1943 in respect of:	"Tuberculin Tested" milk:		
		(i) Bottling, –	(ii) Distribution, –
	"Accredited" milk:		
		(i) Bottling, 3	(ii) Distribution, 3
No. of licences issued in respect of "Pasteurised" Milk:	Pasteurising Plants: 1	Retail Distributors: 4	

Any refusal or revocation of registration of retailers or of licences for graded milk, with reasons for the refusal or revocation: No

Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops—	
Are they periodically inspected?	Yes How often? Half-yearly
	What is their condition? Good

Has any owner undertaken (voluntarily or otherwise) alterations or improvements in farm buildings, *e.g.*, re-roofing or wire-netting? (Give brief particulars.) Shippon at one cottage by raising roof and providing extra lighting and ventilation.

Any information as to the cost of the work, actual or estimated, £ ——

Farms.	No. of dairy farms: 17; approximate number of cows in the district: 508
Cowkeepers.	No. of cowkeepers (including the dairy farms): 37
	No. of inspections during the year: 99
Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than Cowkeepers).	No. of dairymen or milk purveyors: [illegible] (other than cowkeepers)
Action taken by local authority as to—	
(i) Tuberculous Milk. No. of Samples submitted for biological test.	34 Result.—Positive: 1 Negative: 33
(ii) Bacteriological examinations.	Standard adopted: —— No. of samples: —— No. satisfactory: —— No. unsatisfactory: ——
(iii) Sediment tests.	No. of samples: —— No. satisfactory: —— No. unsatisfactory: ——

(2) Meat and other foods.—

(*a*) Action taken with regard to meat and other foods, including inspection of meat, slaughterhouses, shops, stalls and vehicles, and places where food is prepared: Carcases inspected immediately after slaughter, diseased meat condemned and sent for salvage; shops and premises inspected and kept under observation

Number of legal proceedings and result: Nil

(*b*) Has a public slaughterhouse been provided? No

(*c*) Food poisoning (including suspected cases).—Action taken (if any): Nil.

(3) Adulteration, etc.—	
If the Local Authority is a Food and Drugs Authority, state action taken in respect of—	
(i) Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928, and Food and Drugs Act, 1938.	Nil
(ii) Other Food Acts or Regulations.	Nil
Name of laboratory at which analyses are carried out.	——

6.—PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Hospital Accommodation provided or available :—

For Smallpox : Nil No. of beds : —— Where situate : ——

Is the hospital used by "agreement" or "arrangement" (State nature thereof) : No

Or, if a joint hospital, is the district a constituent authority ? No

For other Infectious Diseases (Scarlet Fever, Enteric, and Diphtheria) No. of beds : 32

Where situate : Bryn Road

Is the hospital used by "agreement" or "arrangement" (State nature thereof) : Billinge U.D.C. by agreement send cases. £50 p.a.

Or, if a joint hospital, is the district a constituent authority ? No

Infectious diseases generally :—

Review briefly the prevalence of notifiable infectious diseases (including measles and whooping cough) during the year 1943, and give any noteworthy facts as to the source or spread of infection (non-notifiable acute infectious diseases should also be reported upon so far as available information enables this to be done) : In the first quarter of the year Measles and Whooping Cough were very prevalent affecting school attendance but not mortality rate. There was also a recrudescence of these two diseases during the last quarter.

Give brief particulars of the clinical type and spread of diphtheria and cerebro-spinal fever : In the case of Diphtheria it was chiefly faucial in two cases also laryngeal. Only one case of cerebro-spinal fever.

Any local action taken in regard to the use of measles serum for prophylaxis or attenuation ? No

Give particulars of any existing facilities for the typing of pneumococci and for the provision of appropriate type sera : None

otes on the supply and prompt use of:

(*a*) Diphtheria anti-toxin: ——

Are supplies readily available? Yes If so, where kept? At the Sanatorium, Bryn Road

(*b*) Anti-meningococcus serum: ——

Are supplies readily available? Yes If so, where kept? do.

Are any other vaccines or sera supplied free to Medical Practitioners? Yes—when required

State whether the following diseases were compulsorily notifiable in your district during 1943, and if so, state for what period (see Table)

Measles (prior to 23rd October, 1943): Yes—the whole year

Whooping Cough (prior to 23rd October, 1943): Yes—the whole year

Diarrhœa (under 2 years): No Chicken-pox: No Any others: No

Observations: ——

Pathological and Bacteriological Examinations—Number of specimens examined in 1943:—

(*a*) diphtheria: Over 100 (*b*) scarlet fever: Nil (*c*) enteric fever: Nil

(*d*) miscellaneous (state nature): No

Immunisation—

(1) *Diphtheria.*—Specify any action taken to provide artificial immunisation:

(*a*) In hospitals, residential institutions or schools: Nil

(*b*) At special clinics or day schools: Yes

(*c*) Otherwise than (*a*) or (*b*): Supplying serum to private practitioners

Is immunisation material supplied free to medical practitioners? Yes

No. of children immunised during the year:

(i) pre-school children: 337 — Prophylactics used: A.P.T.

(ii) school children; 150 — Prophylactics used: A.P.T.

(iii) adults: —— — Prophylactics used: ——

Have any post-Schick tests been undertaken? No — If so, number: ——

(2) *Scarlet Fever.*—Specify any action taken to provide artificial immunisation: Nil

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1943.

"Notifiable" Diseases.	Total Cases Notified. Total Cases at all Ages.	Years. Under 1.	1 to 2.	2 to 3.	3 to 4.	4 to 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 15.	15 to 20.	20 to 35.	35 to 45.	45 to 65.	65 and over.	Total Deaths.	Hospital. Total Cases removed to Hospital from the district.	Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to district.
Scarlet Fever	25	–	1	2	1	4	14	2	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Diphtheria (including membranous croup) ...	22	–	2	–	–	3	7	5	3	2	–	–	–	3	–	–
Measles (excluding German Measles) ...	316	29	35	42	39	60	104	5	–	2	–	–	–	–	–	–
Whooping Cough	84	8	16	12	11	7	29	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Acute Primary Pneumonia Acute Influenzal ,,	47	2	1	3	2	3	6	–	3	1	5	15	6	12	–	–
Puerperal Pyrexia	4	–	–	–			–	–	–	4	–	–	–	–	–	–
Cerebro-spinal fever ...	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dysentery	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Acute polio-encephalitis ...	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ophthalmia neonatorum ...	1	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Erysipelas	11	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	3	7	–	–	–	–
Chicken Pox not notifiable.																
Totals	511	40	55	59	53	77	160	14	7	10	8	22	6	15	–	–

Disinfection after infectious disease :—

No. of Houses disinfected during 1943 [illegible] (Methods used) : Sulphur and Formalide

Apparatus used for Clothing, Bedding, &c. (steam or otherwise) : Steam

Where is Apparatus situated ? The Hospital, Bryn Road

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1943.

Age Periods Years.	New Cases Respiratory. M.	New Cases Respiratory. F.	New Cases Non-Respiratory. M.	New Cases Non-Respiratory. F.	DEATHS Respiratory M.	DEATHS Respiratory F.	DEATHS Non Respiratory M.	DEATHS Non Respiratory F.
0—	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1—	1	1	1	–	–	–	–	–
5—	–	–	1	3	–	–	–	–
10—	–	–	1	–	–	–	–	–
15—	1	1	–	2	–	1	–	–
20—	5	2	–	2	2	2	1	1
25—	2	1	1	–	1	1	–	–
35—	1	–	–	1	–	1	–	–
45—	1	–	–	–	1	1	–	–
55—	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
65 and upwards	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Totals	11	5	4	8	4	6	1	1
	16		12		10		2	

*All *primary* notifications should be included, and also any other *new* cases of tuberculosis coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

What is the ratio of non-notified tuberculosis deaths to total tuberculosis deaths? %

In your opinion, is the notification of tuberculosis in your district efficient? Yes

Has any action been taken in cases of wilful neglect or refusal to notify? No

Is there any evidence of excessive incidence of, or mortality from, tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the district? No

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925

Any action taken under these Regulations relating to tuberculous employees in the milk trade—

Under Articles 3, 5, 6, and 7: No action taken

Public Health Act, 1936

Any action taken under section 172, Public Health Act, 1936: No action taken

If so, No. of applications for Orders for compulsory removal to hospital: Nil

No. of cases in which Orders were granted: Nil Observations: Nil

7.—MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

(1) Is the Maternity and Child Welfare work carried out by the same authority or by the County Council? Local Authority.

NOTE.—The following information is required only from those Local Authorities for Maternity and Child Welfare purposes.

(2) Describe briefly any changes or developments in the arrangements made for attending to the health of expectant and nursing mothers and for children under five years of age. Garscoed—weekly ante-natal clinic.

(3) (*a*) *Ante-natal work*—

No. of women who attended ante-natal clinics during the year: 272 Total No. of attendances: 945

Has a specialist ante-natal clinic been established? Yes

Name of obstetric consultant either:

(i) attending clinic at specified times: Dr. J. Hamilton, F.C.O.G. (every clinic).

or (ii) to whom abnormal cases may be referred; Ditto.

(*b*) *Post-natal work*—

Number of women who attended during the year: 5 Total number of attendances: 5

Has an *ad hoc* post-natal clinic been established? No

(4) Give names of maternity homes, hospitals and other institutions available for the reception of expectant and nursing mothers and young children (excluding arrangements for orthopædic treatment):

(*a*) Maternity: Billinge Infirmary and Royal Infirmary, Wigan

(*b*) Children: Same as above

(5) Arrangements for emergency maternity units (*i.e.*, "flying squads"): Nil

(6) Arrangements for—

(*a*) Home helps: Nil

(*b*) The supply of food and milk for expectant and nursing mothers and of milk for infants: At the M. & C. W. Clinics and Town Hall

(7) Arrangements for dental treatment: Mr. N. Fairhurst, L.D.S., receives patients at his Wigan Road surgery

(8) Arrangements for orthopædic treatment for children under five years of age (*If any Institution available, give name, etc.*): Wigan Infirmary

(9) What arrangements have been made under the Puerperal Pyrexia Regulations, 1939, for:

Consultants: Dr. J. Hamilton, F.C.O.G., Rodney Street, Liverpool

Bacteriological examinations: Swabs, etc., sent to Wigan Infirmary Laboratory

Hospital treatment: Wigan Infirmary

Provision of nurses: No

(10) What arrangements have been made under the [illegible] (Ophthalmia Neonatorum) Regulations, 1926 to 1937, for :—

Hospital treatment: Wigan Infirmary

Provision of nurses: District Nurse and Health Visitor

(11) Ophthalmia Neonatorum Cases should be given in the following table in each case of ophthalmia neonatorum notified in your district during 1943.

Number Notified.	Cases. Treated. At Home.	To Hospital.	Vision Unimpaired.	Vision Impaired.	Total Blindness.	Deaths.
1	1	–	Yes	–	–	–

(12) Child Life Protection (under Part VII of the Public Health Act, 1936). Action taken: Nil

(*Signed*), HY. WINSTANLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

August 28th, 1944.

HEALTH VISITOR'S REPORT.

Births Notified:—	Live births...	337	Doctors ...	47
	Still births ...	11	Midwives..	200
			Hospital...	101
	Total ...	348		348

Home Visits:—

Primary	340
Under 1 year	860
1 to 5 years	1982
Special Visits	269
(Includes Scabies and Immunisation visits)	
Measles	204
Whooping Cough	50
Visits to Midwives	32
Ante-natal visits	301
Infant Mortality visits	19
Puerperal Pyrexia	3
Total...	4060
Visits to Nursery	46

Adoptions:—

Three male babies were adopted during the year.

Scabies:—

Notified from School Clinic	50
Home visits...	54

Number treated at the Isolation Hospital :—

Males—22 Females—30 School children—59

Diphtheria Immunisation:—

Under 5 years	337	74%
5 years to 15 years	150	87%
Sessions held in schools		14
Number immunised at Infant Welfare Centre		335

Diphtheria:—

Number of cases of Diphtheria	18
Known to have completed course of immunisation	3
Deaths	3
,, of immunised children	Nil

TABLE.

INFANT MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1943.

Nett Deaths from stated Causes at various Ages under 1 Year of Age.

Cause of Death.	Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	2-3 weeks.	3-4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months.	3 months and under 6 months.	6 months and under 9 months.	9 months and under 12 months.	Total Deaths under 1 year.
Whooping Cough	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Bronchial Pneumonia	–	1	–	–	1	2	2	–	–	5
Premature Birth, Injury at Birth, and Congenital Debility	14	1	–	1	16	2	–	–	–	18
Other Causes	–	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	–	3
Totals	14	2	–	1	17	5	3	1	–	26

Cause of Death:—

Prematurity and Congenital Debility ...	13
Malformations	2
Bronchial Pneumonia	3
Post-operative	2

Infant Welfare Centre:

	Garswood
No. of times Centre was opened	14
No. of attendances	251
New members	25
	Baths Hall
No. of times Centre was opened	46
No. of attendances	3708
New infants joining	208

Dried Milk:—

Sold	£904/11/2
Free issues value	£5/12/-

Infants supplied with new and used clothing ... 7

Thanks are due to the Ladies of the Committee for attendance and help at the Centre, supplying clothing and cutting-out garments.

C. E. SHERMAN,

Health Visitor.